

# House File 290 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the integration of lessons and tools relating  
2 to local foods and farm-to-school programs into curricula  
3 developed for the core content standards by the department,  
4 school districts, and accredited nonpublic schools.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 28, Code 2015, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 28. Adopt a set of core content standards applicable to  
4 all students in kindergarten through grade twelve in every  
5 school district and accredited nonpublic school. For purposes  
6 of this subsection, "*core content standards*" includes reading,  
7 mathematics, and science. The core content standards shall  
8 be identical to the core content standards included in Iowa's  
9 approved 2006 standards and assessment system under Tit. I of  
10 the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20  
11 U.S.C. §6301 et seq., as amended by the federal No Child Left  
12 Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. No. 107-110. Curricula developed  
13 by the department, school districts, and accredited nonpublic  
14 schools for the core content standards shall integrate lessons  
15 and tools relating to local foods and farm-to-school programs  
16 that engage students in thinking and learning about local food  
17 advantages, agriculture, and nutrition. School districts and  
18 accredited nonpublic schools shall include, at a minimum, the  
19 core content standards adopted pursuant to this subsection  
20 in any set of locally developed content standards. School  
21 districts and accredited nonpublic schools are strongly  
22 encouraged to set higher expectations in local standards. As  
23 changes in federal law or regulation occur, the state board is  
24 authorized to amend the core content standards as appropriate.

#### 25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill requires that curricula developed for the core  
29 content standards by the department of education, school  
30 districts, and accredited nonpublic schools integrate lessons  
31 and tools relating to local foods and farm-to-school programs  
32 and activities that engage students in thinking and learning  
33 about local food advantages, agriculture, and nutrition.